

## NFRF Transformation Competition 2024 - NOI and LOI

### Sponsor

New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF)

### Program

Transformation

### For More Information

Consult the [2024 Transformation Competition](#) [1] overview and the [University of Guelph Transformation process and resources](#) [2].

### Description

The objective of the Transformation stream is to support large-scale, Canadian-led **interdisciplinary** research projects that address a major challenge with the potential to realize **real and lasting change**. The challenge may be fundamental, leading to a scientific breakthrough, or applied, with a social, economic, environmental or health impact. Projects are expected to be world-leading, drawing on **global** research expertise, when relevant.

Transformation stream grants will support projects that:

1. tackle a **well-defined** problem or challenge
2. propose a **novel world-leading** approach that is different from the current state-of-the-art approaches to the issue
3. are **interdisciplinary**, bringing different perspectives to the defined problem
4. have the potential to be **transformative**, defined as the potential to **create a significant and real change or impact** — a noticeable leap or tangible breakthrough rather than an incremental advance.

### Eligibility

To reflect the expertise required to deliver on the ambitious and interdisciplinary nature of the project, proposals must be submitted by teams. Teams must include a nominated principal investigator (NPI) and may include co-principal investigators, co-applicants and/or collaborators.

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Individuals who are not academic researchers are eligible for all roles except NPI.

The NPI must be considered an independent researcher at their primary affiliation — which is defined as the primary organization where the NPI is employed or appointed or where they conduct research.

## Funding Availability

\$144,000,000 over six years

## Maximum Project Value

Transformation grants are valued at between \$2,000,000 and \$4,000,000 per year (including indirect costs) for up to six years. The minimum budget for direct costs of research is \$1,600,000 per year and the maximum budget is \$3,200,000 per year.

Applicants must request a budget (value and duration) commensurate with the objectives of the project.

## Indirect Costs

25%

## Project Duration

Up to six years

## Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
External Deadline	Thursday, August 31, 2023 - 1:00pm	Program Webinar <a href="#">Join Link</a> [3]  Webinar number: 2343 121 5895  Webinar password: Transformation24  (87267367 from phones and video systems) Join by phone:

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		+1-438-797-4001 Canada Toll (Ottawa), Access code: 2343 121 5895
<b>Internal Deadline</b>	Wednesday, September 13, 2023 - 9:00am	Expressions of Interest: Please email <a href="mailto:ailsakay@uoguelph.ca">ailsakay@uoguelph.ca</a> [4] the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PI name</li><li>• Project title</li><li>• Project summary (one paragraph)</li></ul>
<b>Internal Deadline</b>	Wednesday, October 18, 2023 - 9:00am	Draft NOI due. Please submit your NOI via the Convergence Portal. (OR-5 <u>not</u> required at this stage.)
<b>External Deadline</b>	Tuesday, October 24, 2023 - 9:00am	Submit via the Convergence portal complete final draft NOI by 9:00 AM. RSO will submit to the sponsor by the external deadline of 8:00 PM.
<b>Internal Deadline</b>	Wednesday, November 22, 2023 - 9:00am	<b>Complete</b> (but do not submit) online sections (a–e) on the Convergence Portal.  <b>Submit draft Research Proposal</b> (10pg) to <a href="mailto:ailsakay@uoguelph.ca">ailsakay@uoguelph.ca</a> [4] for review. This draft may also be shared with a panel for strategic input.

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Type	Date	Notes
<b>Internal Deadline</b>	Tuesday, January 9, 2024 - 9:00am	FINAL Internal deadline. Submit:  1. LOI via Convergence 2. OR-5 to <a href="mailto:ailsakay@uoguelph.ca">ailsakay@uoguelph.ca</a> [4] <b>AND</b> <a href="mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca">research.services@uoguelph.ca</a> [5].
<b>External Deadline</b>	Tuesday, January 10, 2023 - 8:00pm	RSO will submit LOI to sponsor.

## How to Apply

For detailed timeline, process, and internal resources, please see [New Frontiers in Research Fund \(NFRF\) | Office of Research \(uoguelph.ca\)](#) [2].

For Questions, please contact

For more information, contact: [NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaire.gc.ca](mailto:NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaire.gc.ca) [6]

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### Links

[1] <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2024/competition-concours-eng.aspx>

[2] <https://www.uoguelph.ca/research/for-researchers/funding/apply/NFRF>

[3] [https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=7wGc55ZAsZ88j3Env8mNTNLuduio5f22wLdZP-tMsSML0wNgnNWxMud9PYFJoptmuEWsFI\\_Q1\\_WaD9KXJptlrHQY3e1TT0LzEYf\\_wV47ww4aqjl32r6OhjrwGgBZ-EQQ2iQYenxV7JnLFBpB4Rle1AUzDNtqfpIFNcdKJvPSBv1dqeZPdoljmRiU-fmoTKDyG3mW-](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=7wGc55ZAsZ88j3Env8mNTNLuduio5f22wLdZP-tMsSML0wNgnNWxMud9PYFJoptmuEWsFI_Q1_WaD9KXJptlrHQY3e1TT0LzEYf_wV47ww4aqjl32r6OhjrwGgBZ-EQQ2iQYenxV7JnLFBpB4Rle1AUzDNtqfpIFNcdKJvPSBv1dqeZPdoljmRiU-fmoTKDyG3mW-)

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